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## THE SPECIAL SESSION

By all accounts this special session has been one of special diligence, wisdom and common sense. The legislators disposed of the business before them with no unnecessary fuss or wordiness, and did it promptly and wisely—a very worthy exception to many that we have had, and a very worthy example for the future. In this record of worthy accomplishment our own Kauai men, at any rate did their share—or even better. We congratulate them.

## HOW TO READJUST THE BURDEN

One of the benefits which the incoming Republican administration promises us is an improved method of taxation; and also, we trust, somewhat of an abatement in amount.

Already there is a good deal of discussion in regard to the matter, and various plans are being proposed.

The Bishop Trust Company, in their weekly bulletin, outline the more attractive of these suggestions as follows:

- A one per cent tax on all sales.
- A tax on all salaries.
- A tax of 2 cents a pound on sugar, to be collected at the refinery, with the exception that the burden will be passed on to the general consumer.

While these are interesting suggestions, it is too early yet to accept any one of them as the final solution. Long before the final measure has been adopted there will be many other propositions made.

As to any considerable reduction of the taxation burden at hand, that would seem to be a vain and delusive hope.

## THE ANTI-ALIEN LAND LAW.

The anti-alien land law has passed the California legislature by a vote of 3 to 1, restricting tenure of land by non-assimilable aliens. This measure was recently the subject of diplomatic exchanges between the Washington government and Japan.

The measure was initiated to halt what is termed as "encroachment" of Japanese upon California lands through leasehold or purchase and prohibits such lease or purchase by such aliens. The law also makes a provision against the control of land by corporations dominated by their American-born children, who are eligible to citizenship and privileged to hold land.

This law is most drastic in its provisions to prohibit Orientals from acquiring land in the United States. It is an emphatic demonstration of the principle of "America for Americans" and the exclusion of Asiatics from all rights and privileges as land owners in America. It means that the so-called melting-pot shall contain as little as possible of Asiatic blood, and it is aimed to protect the American citizen from the competition of cheap Oriental labor in America, and to provide for the settlement of the lands of California by men and women who are Americans in blood and sentiment, and who owe no allegiance to a foreign government; men and women of white blood, by whom alone the great American problem can be settled.

California has a serious problem upon its hands, and it is determined to protect its interests by every legitimate means, if it may be possible to commit a legitimate act, when said act is contrary to the Constitution and Laws of the land.

## A NEW EXPERIMENT.

The entire country will watch with interest an experiment to be tried by the city of Dayton, Ohio. Realizing that they are being discriminated against by people who imagine they can buy cheaper and get better bargains in a larger city, Dayton merchants and manufacturers are raising a half-million dollar fund to be spent on educating the people of that city to buy at home. "Keep Dayton Dollars in Dayton" is the slogan that is going to stare at people of that city from billboards, fence planks, from newspaper columns and on hand bills posted at every turn. They are going to appeal to the conscience of Dayton people by asking them this question: "If Dayton is good enough to make your money in, why isn't it good enough to spend it in?"

We could very well ask the same question of Kauai people who also imagine they can buy cheaper in a bigger town—people who never stop to consider that goods must sell higher where rents are higher, clerks more costly, to say nothing of taxes and big lighting bills and the thousand items that go toward keeping up a city store. We, too, can point out the fact that when our merchants want work done they don't send out of town for men to do it, as

long as it is possible to get it done by a home man. They patronize the home man every time.

If it is worth a half-million dollars to Dayton to keep her dollars at home, then it ought to be worth a whole lot to us to keep ours here. So, if you are addicted to the deplorable habit of buying away from home, sit down and ask yourself this question: "If this town is good enough for me to make my money in why isn't it good enough for me to spend it in?"

## A BUSY SESSION AHEAD.

The session of Congress which meets December 6th, and remains in session until March 4th, 1921, will be enlivened by many discussions and investigations, even if it is not fruitful in legislation. There are many things about which the American people have a right to know, but about which they have been kept in ignorance. The present administration, with a war upon its hands, has given very little attention to domestic concerns. There has been extravagance and mismanagement everywhere, obstinate resistance to the cutting down of expense in any quarter, appropriations have passed without a thought of economy, the deportation of undesirable aliens has been halted, and Soviet-enemies have been permitted to spread their poison propaganda among the people.

The inadequate work of the Bureau of War Risk Insurance in the rehabilitation of disabled soldiers; the financial losses incurred in the sale of surplus army supplies; the maladministration of the army reorganization act, the Jones shipping act, the appalling list of deaths in the aerial mail service, and numerous and varied other matters to keep Congress busily engaged.

There will be plenty for Congress to do at the coming session. There will be some things to undo; but in every case let us hope that the time will not be wasted.

## A DAY OF RECKONING.

Now and then you come across a man or woman who delights in telling you, in a pessimistic way, that there must be a "day of reckoning." He shakes his head when we discuss the prosperity we have been enjoying and assures us that we will "have to pay for it."

He is like the man who can't enjoy the sunshine for thinking that it is going to rain. He admits that the weather for the most part has been ideal, but he shrugs his shoulders when he thinks of what is going to come upon us in the way of weather to make up for it.

But there is this difference between prosperity and weather. The one is largely of our own making—we can in no wise control the other. It is reasonably certain that we shall not always enjoy our present advantages, that times change from year to year or from period to period. Harvests are not always the same and accidents happen in the best regulated nations. Trades and commerce have a way of being influenced by the head-shaking pessimist, it is well that we prepare as best we can for anything in the way of disaster that may follow. It is only the part of common sense that we prevent waste in every way we can, that we work while there is work to be done, and that we save something from our daily earnings.

In other words, it's a good idea to smile and believe tomorrow is going to be brighter than today—and yet it is best to be prepared in the event it doesn't happen to be.

A New York woman is going to sell her husband at auction, and we'll bet the auctioneer says more good things about him than she does.

Men accuse women of being brainless. But nearly every woman has brains enough to make a fool out of some man.

When a man's collar button rolls under the bureau the dove of peace flies out of the window.

Many a man has been buncoed by judging a woman's disposition by her smile.

When a man begins to discuss matrimony with a widow it usually results in a tie.

When a man freely admits that his wife is not stubborn he can afford to stop praying. He's sure to get to heaven.

It's a long head that knows no turning when a pretty girl passes.



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